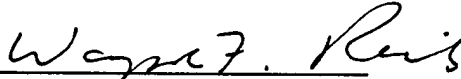


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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to an Office Action dated June 21, 2000, response to which is due by
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follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows: